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### THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER LETS THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

The admission of the Charlotte Observer, which was published in the last issue of the Caucasian, about how and when the Democratic state machine decided to make the negro issue, has attracted considerable attention. It is an admission that will strike the honest rank and file of the Democratic party with surprise and which will make the Populists who were frightened into voting the Democratic ticket by the cry of negro not only heartily ashamed of themselves, but indignant at the hypocrites who foisted them. It seems that the Democratic state committee was divided almost evenly: one faction insisting on one line of policy for the campaign and the other faction insisting on another line of policy. The faction composed of the Clevelandites and Ransomites and Railroad attorneys, which was led and engineered by the gold-bugs Charlotte Observer and by Col. A. B. Andrews wanted to get the gold-bugs and the silver men in the Democratic party to fuse and make the negro the campaign cry. The other element which was composed of the best silver men among the leaders of the party wanted to make silver and the fight against monopoly and the fight against the leading issue in the campaign and to get the silver voters who joined hands and carried the state for Bryan by twenty thousand and majority in the last campaign in this campaign. These silver men contended that that line of fight was not only the line of duty and patriotism but it was the cause that would unite solidly the silver men and anti-monopolists and make victory certain. It was the cause, they contended, to make victory not only for the office seekers but a genuine victory for the people along the line of principle. They further pointed out that this would unite the white people who are for silver and against monopoly, make a safe majority, and would therefore not only give absolute white supremacy but a victory over monopoly and the gold syndicate. According to the Charlotte Observer, this element of the state committee was defeated by a majority of two, so the Clevelandites and the railroad attorneys won, and the silver men were thus divided, the gold men and monopolists put in the lead of the fight, and the negro made the issue. The result has been one of the dirtiest, meanest, most shocking and revolting campaigns that has ever disgraced the State. All of this has been engineered by the gold-bugs and monopolists in order that they might capture the state. It was their only way to get control. To say nothing of the bad blood that has been engendered and the blood that has been spilt, the saddest part of the whole thing is that one hundred thousand honest silver Democrats, making up the rank and file of the party, has been used as tools and catpaws by this unscrupulous gold and monopoly ring in order that they may further bleed and rob the state and lay their plans to defeat the people in 1900 and elect a monopolist President.

While all of this has been frequently stated by the Caucasian, yet during the whole campaign it was bitterly denied by the Democratic newspapers and speakers. The only strange thing about it is that the Charlotte Observer, the leading gold organ of the state, should practically confess the whole business. In fact, the Charlotte Observer has let the cat out of the bag. The negro was a machine made issue, and made by the Ransom and Cleveland machine element in the state in the interest of gold and monopoly. According to the admission of the Observer, if there had been two more silver men on the committee, the campaign in this state would have been made along the lines advised by Bryan, which would have united all the silver forces and given us a high toned, decent campaign on issues. There would have been no bad blood, no riots and no bloodshed. All of the gold men and monopolists would have been driven on one side and all of the silver men and anti-monopolists would have stood solidly together on the other. The result would have been a victory for the people. This would have meant a defeat for the Charlotte Observer and Col. A. B. Andrews. Hence their anxiety and effort to have the other kind of a fight behind the negro cry. Again we extend our congratulations to the gold bug Charlotte Observer and to Col. Andrews and the railroad syndicates upon their success in this campaign.

The Populists and white Republicans who voted the Democratic ticket did so no doubt with the distinct understanding that a Democratic legislature would call a constitutional convention. We will now see whether or not the Democratic machine will keep faith with these voters.

### THE NEED OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

We notice that the Fayetteville Observer, one of the leading and most pronounced free silver papers in the state has declared strongly in favor of calling a constitutional convention. The Observer says:

Now that such an overwhelming victory has been won in the name of the Democratic party, it is to be hoped that the people throughout the State will get the strength of the campaign and have just passed through almost fatal injury to the body politic. We are not arranging any one for anything which has been done in the campaign; we simply mean that the conditions which have disgraced the State the past few years could have been prevented and should have been and that would be a political error if, with our recent experience staring us in the face, we do not take the earliest steps possible to prevent them hereafter.

We take it that every paper that is earnestly for silver and against the domination of gold and monopoly will take the same position with reference to a constitutional convention that the Fayetteville Observer has taken.

Of course the gold and monopoly papers will oppose the calling of a constitutional convention. We notice that already the Charlotte Observer has editorially opposed the Record, which published the infamous slander, has not been in Wilmington in a long time. If this is true it is significant. If he was out of Wilmington, why did Col. Waddell and his backers hold a public meeting and demand of the negro Manly to state whether or not he would leave Wilmington by a certain time? It would seem that all the truth by a good deal has not yet gotten to the public.

How was it that the Democratic machine carried every county in the second congressional district by large majorities except one, and yet allowed White the negro gold bug candidate for Congress to be elected by a big majority. In short, the Democrats carried the district by a big majority, yet permitted the negro congressman to be elected when the people would like to be considered by the convention will be forced into the political arena to be discussed on every stump in the state. Every delegate would be forced to tell where he stood on the monopoly question as well as on the suffrage and other questions. If there is anything the monopolists fear it is a discussion of the real and overshadowing economic issues now presenting themselves for solution in North Carolina and in every state in the Union. Yes, let us have a constitutional convention. The great questions to be considered by such a convention cannot be discussed before the people too much. Every patriot desires to see the verdict of the people rendered squarely on the great issues before the people, and then let this verdict be put into the organic law of the state.

### THE REAL SENTIMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE.

The Charlotte Observer published an article from one of its special correspondents who signs himself Jasper Stowe, which contains the following:

Democratic politics have drifted into a more comely shape for several years. The Chicago platform and Bryan are not in it. Indeed the absence of the demagogue is profoundly gratifying. He is an engaged and honest worker, and his claims to distinction are incompatible and are relegated to the rear.

This correspondent boldly states and glorifies in the fact that the Chicago platform and Bryan have been eliminated by this so-called Democratic victory. Notice how he refers to Bryan as a demagogue, and congratulates the party and the state upon being rid of such. He expresses great delight at the shape that Democratic politics have taken. His pleasure is in the fact that silver and Bryanism have been eliminated and that the negro has been made the apparent issue behind which gold bugs and monopolists have won their victory. He boldly states that Bryan and the Chicago platform will be forgotten by 1900. Senator Tillman might also have his eyes opened to see in what esteem he is held by the old Ransom machine which has used him as a catpaw in this campaign. The above no doubt expresses the real sentiment of the Democratic machine which is now in control of the Democratic party of the state.

The gold Democrats and the silver Democrats fused in the last campaign. Which one of the parties to the fusion deal is now running the combination? If there is a single honest Bryan Democrat who is so poorly informed and so badly fooled that he thinks the party would like to hear from him and we will take pleasure in printing his picture in the Caucasian and letting the public see what he looks like.

Many a Populist who was frightened by the monopoly cry of negro into voting the Democratic machine ticket, was before night on the day of election surprised and disgusted to see the Democratic heelers who had honored "nigger" for three months, at nearly every voting precinct, hugging the negro and marching him up to the polls to vote the Democratic ticket. Truly the negro was the salvation of the Ransom machine in the last campaign.

Why was not the negro Manly run out of Wilmington the next day after he published the infamous article in his paper? Why was he allowed to stay during the whole campaign and publish his vile slanders which were eagerly copied and kept standing in the Democratic press? Those who are not incapacitated for thinking would do well to think about this.

Bryan's plan to have the silver forces united to win a victory for silver has been defeated. Cleveland's plan to have the silver forces divided and for the gold bugs and monopolists to control the Democratic machinery has triumphed. The Charlotte Observer deserves much credit for its success, as the representative of Mr. Cleveland.

The railroads and the other monopolies and trusts in the state that fought Bryan and supported McKinley in the last campaign were backing the Democratic party in the recent campaign. They put up more money to help the Ransom machine capture the last Democratic state convention. They put up more money to help that machine carry the state and capture the legislature. The amount that these monopolists contributed to the Democratic campaign fund was certainly over five hundred thousand dollars. Whenever corporations and monopolists spend one dollar for elections they expect two dollars and often ten dollars in return. How and where will these monopolies get their money returned two fold and ten fold? It will all come from the people. When the next legislature adjourns the people will see how and where.

The News and Observer, in its issue of November 13th, published an interview which it had with a travelling man from Wilmington. The News and Observer does not give the name of this travelling man, but of course it must know who he is. The News and Observer quotes this travelling man as saying that the negro Manly, the editor of the negro paper called the Record, which published the infamous slander, has not been in Wilmington in a long time. If this is true it is significant. If he was out of Wilmington, why did Col. Waddell and his backers hold a public meeting and demand of the negro Manly to state whether or not he would leave Wilmington by a certain time? It would seem that all the truth by a good deal has not yet gotten to the public.

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### No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitter is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at R. H. Holliday & Son's Drug Store. He is no doubt happy now.

## THE NEW LAW MAKERS

A Complete List of Members of the Next Legislature—Democrats Elected 40 Senators and 94 Members of the House.

### SENATE.

First District—(Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hertford) T. G. Skinner, D. (Hertford); George Cowper, D. (Winton).

Second District—(Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington) W. C. Moore, D. (Martin); H. S. Ward, D. (Plymouth); G. W. Miller, D. (Bayboro).

Third District—(Northampton and Bertie)—W. E. Harris, P. (Seaboard).

Fourth District—(Halifax)—E. L. Travis, D. (Halifax).

Fifth District—(Edgecombe)—Dr. R. H. Wright, D. (Wendell).

Sixth District—(Pitt)—F. G. James, D. (Greenville).

Seventh District—(Wilson, Nash and Franklin)—R. A. P. Cooley, D. (Wilson); T. S. Colle, D. (Louisburg).

Eighth District—(Craven, Carteret, Jones, Onslow, Lenoir and Greene)—Jas. A. Bryan, D. (Newbern); D. (Kinston).

Ninth District—(Wayne, Duplin and Pender)—Frank A. Daniels, D. (Goldsboro); I. F. Hill, D. (Faison).

Tenth District—(New Hanover and Brunswick)—William J. Davis, D. (Wilmington).

Eleventh District—(Warren and Vance)—T. J. Redding, D. (Asheboro); M. J. Barrow, R. (Caraway).

Twelfth District—(Wake)—Fabius A. Whitaker, D. (Raleigh).

Thirteenth District—(Johnston)—Elder J. A. Jones, D. (Gulph's Mill).

Fourteenth District—(Sampson, Harnett and Bladen)—F. M. White, P. (Harnett); D. (W. S. Robinson, D. (Delta).

Fifteenth District—(Robeson and Columbus)—John McIntyre, D. (Lumberton); Jos. A. Brown, D. (Chadbourn).

Sixteenth District—(Liberia Academy and Lumberton)—L. C. Newcome, R. (Lumberton).

Seventeenth District—(Granville and Person)—A. A. Hicks, D. (Oxford).

Eighteenth District—(Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham)—T. M. Cheed, D. (Mebane); J. D. Monroe, Charles Stanback, D. (Mt. Gilead).

Nineteenth District—(Chatham)—J. A. Gwin, D. (Raleigh).

Twenty-first District—(Rockingham)—William Lindsay, D. (Reidsville).

Twenty-second District—(Guilford)—Jno. N. Wilson, D. (Greensboro).

Twenty-third District—(Randolph and Moore)—J. C. Black, D. (Carrboro).

Twenty-fourth District—(Mecklenburg)—Frank L. Osborne, D. (Charlotte).

Twenty-fifth District—(Union and Union)—T. J. Jerome, D. (Marion); Charles Stanback, D. (Mt. Gilead).

Twenty-sixth District—(Caldwell, Yadkin and Davie)—James A. Butler, D. (Statesville); F. C. Hairston, D. (Fork Church).

Twenty-eighth District—(Stokes and Surry)—J. C. Newcome, R. (Kings).

Twenty-ninth District—(Alexander, Wilkes, Lincoln and Catawba)—D. A. Lowe, D. (Lincolnton); H. T. Campbell, R. (Washville).

Thirtieth District—(Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga)—W. C. Fields, D. (Sparta).

Thirty-first District—(Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey)—Commodore Keeley, P., Morganton; W. J. Souther, D. (Brevard).

Thirty-second District—(Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk)—O. F. Mason, D. (Brevard).

Thirty-third District—(Buncombe, Madison and Haywood)—W. J. Cooke, D. (Asheville); Thos. J. Murray, D. (Marshall).

Thirty-fourth District—(Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain)—Joshua C. Clegg, D. (Cullowhee).

Thirty-fifth District—(Macon, Cherokee, Clay and Graham)—J. L. Crisp, R. (Murphy).

Democrats ..... 94

Fusionists ..... 26

Total ..... 120

### PRESS OPINIONS.

It is said that Railroad Commissioner John H. Pearson will introduce a resolution at the next session of the commission ordering all the railroads in the State to provide separate coaches for the white and colored people. The News and Observer says the resolution has already been drawn and will doubtless be adopted by the commission.

It is said that the Legislature will be given an election law modelled on the Australian ballot idea. It is absolutely fair, and the only objection that can be made to it is that it requires decent intelligence of the voter and that is its greatest virtue.

All the candidates are put on one ticket, separated according to offices. The voter is given a place to vote in which no one may molest him. He selects his own candidates unaided.

If he is not better informed than the average citizen he will find difficulty in voting "straight" as it is called. But this is also a virtue. No man ought to feel compelled to vote "straight." Parties have no conscience, at least no more than the corporations which they denounce as soulless; but men have, and the conscience, not party spirit or sentiment, is the proper test of a ballot.—Biblical Recorder.

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A movement to organize a club of gold Democrats is in progress says

the Charlotte Observer.

It is still in the infant stage.

The movement is to be organized by the members of the club.

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Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 24th, 1895.

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At a caucus last Friday of the Democratic aldermen to select a successor to Mayor William Russ, who has been elected Superior Court clerk, Alderman A. M. Powell was elected. Mayor Powell will give universal satisfaction.

The directors of the penitentiary were in session last week. Only routine business was transacted. The proposition of the bondholders in regard to the Castle Hayne Farm was accepted, releasing the penitentiary from all obligation as to that farm.

A dispatch from Washington dated November 21st states that Raleigh has lost the chance to secure the Federal prison to be located in a Southern State. The loss means much to North Carolina and a great gain to Georgia as the establishing of a prison means an outlay of several millions of dollars.

State Superintendent Mebane has completed the summary of the returns from all the counties. These show the apportionment of public school funds this year to be, for whites, \$537,125; negroes, \$224,673; assessed value of white property, \$219,106,232; negro property, \$9,476,628; white polls, 178,793; negro polls, 71,638; insolvent whites, 14,718; negroes, 10,714; amount actually paid by whites on property, \$499,232,52, and by negroes, \$90,697.

The Railroad Commission were in session Tuesday. After transacting some routine business, Mr. Pearson introduced a resolution to the effect that the railroads of the State provide separate coaches for the white and colored people. After some debate by the members of the commission in which Messrs. Caldwell and Abbott both stated that this matter had better be left to the Legislature, it was so voted. Mr. Pearson voting for the adoption of the resolution and Caldwell and Abbott against it.

The date for the execution of the negro, Jim Booker, alias Jim Chavis, who was convicted for the murder of Mahaly White, colored, at March Term of the Wake Superior Court and sentenced to be hanged, was set by Gov. Russell, and January 18th, 1899, as the time. Mr. S. G. Ryan, Booker's attorney, appealed to the Supreme Court and that Court affirmed the decision of the Superior Court. Hence Booker will be hanged January 18th. No effort has been made to secure a commutation of Booker's sentence and he will certainly pay the penalty with his life for one of the most brutal and cold-blooded murders ever committed in the county.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will hold its annual session at Elizabeth City, beginning Tuesday, November 30th.

**THE CHILDREN'S FUND.**  
Children are a source of comfort. They are a source of care, also. If you care for your child's health, send for our book on the diseases to which children are subject, and which *Frey's Vermifuge* has cured for 50 years. One copy by mail or 25 cents.

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## BREVITIES.

### WESTERN N. C. APPLES

#### GEORGE E. BOOGS WINS SECOND PRIZE AT AMERICAN INSTITUTE FAIR.

Asheville Citizen.

George E. Boggs of Haywood county made an exhibit of apples at the American Institute fair in New York recently. He won second prize, the first going to a New York exhibitor. Of Mr. Boggs' exhibit the Rural New Yorker says:

"Mr. Geo. E. Boggs, who made such a fine display of North Carolina apples last fall, also had an exhibit of a small number of varieties. It is interesting to notice the great difference between the growth of the varieties in the North. Many of them one would hardly recognize, they are so much larger, often more highly colored, and sometimes growing of such different shape as not to resemble at all the types with which we are familiar. It has been said by some authorities that the region in which Mr. Boggs is growing his fruit, is, undoubtedly, the best apple growing section in this country to day. However this may be, it certainly is a good one as evidenced by the product."

By special request Mr. Boggs sent the exhibit to Cornell University. Professor Saunders wrote him: "The apples arrived in fine condition. They are magnificent! I had no idea you could grow such apples in your State." —Post.

Robbers attempted to hold up a Santa Fe train in California last Friday; the trainmen fired killing one robber and the rest of the band escaped.

The Alabama House of Representatives read and ratified Monday a joint resolution appropriating \$500 to buy a sword for Lieutenant Hobson of Merrimac fame. The Senate is expected to concur in the resolution.

Convicts in the Ohio penitentiary last week attempted to escape. In the scuffle one guard was killed and two convicts seriously wounded.

A misplaced switch caused a frightful disaster to a Grand Trunk passenger train last week near Trenton, Canada, in which twelve lives were lost and a dozen or more seriously injured.

Three white tramps in Decatur county, Ga., went to the home of a farmer demanding food. The farmer's wife and three children were alone and because the tramps demands were not satisfied set fire to the house burning the children. The mother escaped, to the woods—and sheriff and posse are hunting the fiends with bloodhounds.

### BIG CROPS ON STATE FARMS.

#### FUPT MEWBORNE SAYS HE HAS NOT ENOUGH CONVICTS TO HARVEST THEM.

Superintendent Mewbome says immense crops have this year been raised on the State farms.

"The only trouble," he continued, "is that we have not enough convicts to harvest the crop."

According to Mr. Mewbome's estimate the yield on these farms this year will be about as follows: Northampton . . . . . 800 to 1,000 bales Halifax . . . . . 250 to 300 bales Caldonia, No. 1 . . . . . 750 to 1,000 bales Tillery . . . . . 500 to 800 bales Anson . . . . . 250 to 300 bales

Total . . . . . 3,300 to 4,000 " Peanuts . . . . . 200 acres Tillery . . . . . 125 acres Castle Hayne . . . . . 160 acres

Total . . . . . 4,140 acres Or 10,000 to 15,000 bushels. Corn— Caledonia, No. 1 . . . . . 1,300 acres Caledonia, No. 2 . . . . . 1,000 acres Northampton . . . . . 1,000 acres Castle Hayne . . . . . 140 acres Anson . . . . . 400 acres

Total . . . . . 4,140 acres Or 18,000 to 22,000 barrels.

The first three named farms, those on the Roanoke, will average from five to six barrels an acre, perhaps more. The last two will make from 2 1/2 to 3 barrels an acre.

There is now 140 convicts on the Northampton farm; the same number on each of the Caledonia farms and 106 on the Tillery farms. The number on the other farms is not quite so large.

Federal convicts and life prisoners cannot be sent out of the penitentiary walls. They are worked in the shirt factory.

### PREACHERS TO THE UNIVERSITY.

#### FOUR DISTINGUISHED DIVINES TO SPEND A WEEK EACH AT CHAPEL HILL.

Chapel Hill, N. C., November.—In accordance with the plan which went into operation last year, and which showed such signal success and so great a help to the University, the following preachers to the University have been chosen for this academic year. One other is yet to be chosen.

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., of Wilmington, for the week December 3rd to 10th, 1898.

Rev. Dr. Swope, of Baltimore, February 4th to 11th, 1899.

Rev. Howard E. Ronthaler, of Salem, March 4th to 11th, 1899.

Rev. Samuel B. Turrentine, D. D., of Charlotte, April 1st to 8th, 1899.

The duties of the preacher to the University are these: He is expected to preach in the church of his denomination on the morning of his Sunday here, and on the night of the same Sunday in the chapel of the University to the entire student body. He is expected to conduct the morning devotional exercises in the chapel for five days, making short talks each day not to exceed eight or ten minutes in length. He is expected further to meet with the Young Men's Christian Association in their nightly services of twenty minutes and take such part as he thinks best. During his stay here he will be considered an officer of the University and will be free to have office hours in which to see students who may wish to call on him.

It will be a great privilege for the students here to meet these excellent preachers and prominent ministers and have them among them for a week. The University extends to them a hearty welcome.—News & Observer.

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Atlanta, Ga.

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A dispatch from Washington dated November 21st states that Raleigh has lost the chance to secure the Federal prison to be located in a Southern State. The loss means much to North Carolina and a great gain to Georgia as the establishing of a prison means an outlay of several millions of dollars.

State Superintendent Mebane has completed the summary of the returns from all the counties. These show the apportionment of public school funds this year to be, for whites, \$537,125; negroes, \$224,673; assessed value of white property, \$219,106,232; negro property, \$9,476,628; white polls, 178,793; negro polls, 71,638; insolvent whites, 14,718; negroes, 10,714; amount actually paid by whites on property, \$499,232,52, and by negroes, \$90,697.

The Railroad Commission were in session Tuesday. After transacting some routine business, Mr. Pearson introduced a resolution to the effect that the railroads of the State provide separate coaches for the white and colored people. After some debate by the members of the commission in which Messrs. Caldwell and Abbott both stated that this matter had better be left to the Legislature, it was so voted. Mr. Pearson voting for the adoption of the resolution and Caldwell and Abbott against it.

The date for the execution of the negro, Jim Booker, alias Jim Chavis, who was convicted for the murder of Mahaly White, colored, at March Term of the Wake Superior Court and sentenced to be hanged, was set by Gov. Russell, and January 18th, 1899, as the time. Mr. S. G. Ryan, Booker's attorney, appealed to the Supreme Court and that Court affirmed the decision of the Superior Court. Hence Booker will be hanged January 18th. No effort has been made to secure a commutation of Booker's sentence and he will certainly pay the penalty with his life for one of the most brutal and cold-blooded murders ever committed in the county.

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